Seizure of Leopard and Tiger Claws

*33. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether 18000 leopard claws and 132 tiger claws were seized in January, 2000 from Fatehpur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken to establish immediately specialized wild-life agency to tackle such wildlife crimes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal is under consideration in the Ministry for setting up of a special mechanism for wildlife trade prevention and control to deal with the poaching and illegal trade in wildlife and it's products.

(c) Does not arise.

Quantitative restrictions on import of Urea

*34. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic fertilizer industry has requested Government not to remove quantitative restrictions on urea import;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Fertilizer Association of India (FAI) have in different memoranda to the Government requested on behalf of the industry that the quantitative restrictions on import of urea should not be lifted for another five years and the removal of restrictions should be accompanied by levying of import duty on urea.

(c) Under the commitment given by the country to the World